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SUBJECT: CODEL HARTKE: SOVIET PRESS ON MEETING WITH BREZHNEV

1. PRAVDA AND ALL OTHER PAPERS APRIL 24 FRONT- PAGE REPORT OF BREZHNEV MEETING WITH CODEL HARTKE. PROMINENT PHOTO OF ALL SEVEN SENATORS, BREZHNEV, GROMYKO AND PATOLICHEV ACCOMPANIES PRESS STATEMENT. EVENING TELEVISION NEWS APRIL 23 ALSO CARRIED REPORT. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PRESS STATEMENT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. ON APRIL 23, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION L. I. BREZHNEV RECEIVED IN THE KREMLIN A GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE U. S. SENATE COMPROSING V. HARTKE, H. CANNO, F. MOSS, J. PEARSON, H. BAKER, J. BEALL AND R. GRIFFIN.

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IN THE COURSE OF THE MEETING A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS WERE TOUCHED UPON INVOLVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES.

L. I. BREZHNEV NOTED THE WILLINGNESS OF THE SOVIET UNION TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, GIVING THEM THE MAXIMUM STABILITY AND LONG- TERM CHARACTER. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WAS STRESSED THAT SOVIET- AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THIS FIELD, AS WELL AS IN OTHERS, CAN ONLY BE BUILT ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

THE AMERICAN SENATORS, ON THEIR PART, EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND OTHER FORMS OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U. S.

TAKING PART IN THE MEETING WERE A. A. GROMYKO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR; N. S. PATOLICHEV, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE OF THE USSR; AND A. M. ALEKSANDROV, ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING FROM THE U. S. SIDE WERE ADOLPH DUBS, U. S. CHARGE D' AFFAIRES IN THE USSR; JOHN A. ARMITAGE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS; AND MR. ENAMUEL ROUVELAS AND MR. ARTHUR PANKOPF, COUNSELS TO THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE. END TEST.
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